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TWENTY-SIXTH SEASON OF ADIRONDACK OPENS WITH ONE HUNDRED BOYS

Fair Weather Favors Trip of Large Group to Camp

On Monday afternoon, July 1st, about 5:30 the top deck of the Steamer Berkshire was a seething throng of parents and boys who were busy bidding each other "Good-bye" before the boat started on its trip up the Hudson. Boys quickly got acquainted with their room mates and counsellors and all went into dinner, which was served at a long table accommodating one hundred.

The evening was spent on deck, and as soon as darkness came the boys were entertained by watching the searchlight pick out interesting spots along the banks. All turned in around ten o'clock and slept more or less soundly until six o'clock, when we all got up and had breakfast at seven. We disembarked at Albany, walked over to the railroad station, met ten more boys, and got on our special car which carried us to Lake George Village. Here we changed again to the Steamer Horicon for the trip up beautiful Lake George, one that never grows monotonous to the most seasoned traveler. We had dinner on the boat and arrived at Glenburnie at 1:30, where some of us took the trail to Camp and others chose to ride in the new Camp boat, the "Eagle."

Boys had already been assigned to tents and cabins and for the rest of the afternoon, which fortunately was bright and sunny, we were very busy unpacking duffle bags and makink beds in preparation for the all too short stay at Adirondack, the Camp which we all love so well.

RICOCHETS

Many Excellent Scores Being Turned in on the Range

As in the case of other years, riflery is proving to be a popular activity and several boys are shooting some "near perfect" targets.

Platt Brett was the first boy to shoot a perfect one, and, as the "Dip" goes to press, Charles Morehouse has turned in one to match Platt's. Frank Higgins generally

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LIST OF CAMPERS—1929 ADIRONDACK CAMP

Andrews, Richard L.
Atkinson, Herbert L.
Bakewell, Thomas W.
Barton, Charles W.
Bassford, Robert C.
Beers, William H. C.
Blaicher, Fred.
Brett, G. Platt, III
Caldwell, Tracy F.
Chambers, Ely
Corscadden, James
Craven, John
Cummins, John P. J.
Cutler, G. Christopher
Dallas, William P.
Domino, Donald C.
Domino, Paul A.
Dressler, Philip K.
DuBosque, Clayton
Edgar, William, Jr.
Erskine, James Drummond
Fell, Herbert Nelson
Finch, Henry L.
Fox, E. Tunnicliff
Frank, Raymond George
Fagan, Bruce V.
Gary, John V.
Grant, Richard DeGolyer
Greene, Joseph N.
Haggerty, Luther V.
Haley, John L.
Hammond, Harry Stevens
Harden, Acheson A.
Harrington, Wm. H.
Harrington, Peter B.
Hatch, Rutherford
Hewlett, David
Higgins, Frank W.
Hine, Thomas Morton
Hofer, Christopher
Hurd, Edward A.
Ijams, John Horton
Jenkins, Murray
Jenkins, William
Johnson, James Ford, III
Kienbusch, William Austin
King, Elmer H.
King, Vinal
Leonard, Clifford
Locke, Campbell, Jr.
Macdonald, Angus A.
McConnell, Fredrick S.
Marlow, Francis S., Jr.
Marlow, William
Marvin, A. Bryan
Matteson, Robert F.
Matteson, John T.
Maxwell, John Douglas
Mellen, Henry W.
Miller, Danforth
Milnor, Bennett

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THE FIRST MOUNT MARCY TRIP

Six Boys Make Up Expedition To Interesting Spot

Monday morning, July 15th, a group made up of Bennett Milnor, Donald Domino, Robert Pettee, Edward Hurd, Elmer King and Morris Willets, under the leadership of Rab Wilson, left Camp in the Camp "Limousine" with their packs and food supplies and were soon in Ticonderoga, where some necessary purchases were made. Westport was reached at 11:20 and a stop was made for lunch. Another stop at Lake Placid, then on to Adirondack Lodge, where the "laudaulet" was left. We had a short hike from there to the first "lean-to," and there we weighed anchor and prepared supper and made ready for the night.

The next morning, after a well cooked breakfast, we started the climb. The trail was muddy and the ascent took us five hours, but the sight from the top was well worth our efforts. We had lunch on the summit and after a short rest we started down the mountain at 3:00 o'clock, arriving at our "lean-to" in two and one-quarter hours. Supper was then cooked and all sat around a fire and told ghost stories until dark. All was made ready in the morning for the hike back to the Lodge, where we found our "brougham" awaiting us. We all piled in and were soon on our return journey. Westport was reached at noon, and Ticonderoga at 2:30. Half an hour stop was made in "Ti" for sweets and we arrived in Camp about four o'clock, having had a most delightful trip.

D. C. D.

CAMP NOTES

Departing from the customary trend of affairs this year, a few of the Intermediates are publishing a weekly newspaper to serve as a digest of events in or concerning the Intermediate Camp. The paper is hand printed by some of the boys, and is then run off on a mimeograph machine. Considerable excitement attends its appearance, seeming to justify its publication.

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TRIP TO FLAT ROCK PROVES WASHOUT

Came the dawn, gray and ghostly over Anthony's nose, bringing in its train the gentle patter of little rain drops—beautiful to the ear of him sleeping next to nature with only the vast and domed heavens over his head. Came the dawn, cold, filmy, wet stealing in where silver stars had glimmered and a full moon had floated in the earlier watches of the night, clear against a deep black sky. Rain, the supreme dampner of a camper's spirit, the ultimate in discomfort. Rain, dripping from every leaf, flooding the ground. This was the climax of the overnight trip taken by Cabins one and four Intermediate to Flat Rock, the climax of a trip filled with climaxes.

Starting at the proper hour to load the boats selected for the outing, baggage of a questionable nature was found to be missing. A search in the vicinity of the old deep swim proved of no avail. Baffled and beaten, Stewart and Harris were revived at the last moment by the discovery of a duffle bag in Cabin five Junior, a duffle bag containing two of those commodities so indispensible for the seasoned camper, mattresses. Cheers rent the air, peals loud as the very thunder and re-echoing from the surrounding hills. Cheers with traces of mingled joy and triumph.

Then it was, "Stroke, Stroke" as the trim blue and white craft cut their way through deep, green water —forth into the vast unknown, on toward trials and hardships indescribable; and playfully, eagerly, as the expectant child, the Junior staff awaited the setting forth with mischief in their eyes, as in the eyes of a kitten or a puppy. A few boyful pranks and child-like remarks sufficed to entertain them, and they withdrew, back to the cabins whence they had come, back to plot and plan some more tricks to play on their own boys and themselves. And as they retreated, the trippers set forth, undisturbed at last, easy of mind, with a fair wind blowing, a golden sun shining, and a clear, blue sky smiling overhead. What more wonderful! On they sailed, ever forward, a triumphal march, for all except Beers and Marlow, an advance with martial air and fine spirit, accompanied by the little tinkling of water rushing past the bows of boats and by the steady, rhythmic beat of oars.

All were happy; all landed safely; and after the proper interval of time all sat down light-hearted to a glorious repast. Then around a cheery camp fire jokes were exchanged and Murray Jenkins's marshmallows were roasted.

Ah the joy of it, the bliss of it, fifteen happy boys, the stars beginning to twinkle, and faint rays appearing where later the moon must rise. Fifteen happy boys, tired and ready for their waiting beds.

But, lo, "Pride cometh before a fall," as doth also bliss, it would seem. The awakening was soon and awful. "Horse," was the cry from many throats, "an animal in the woods," was the hoarse call from another direction. Up Harris, Up Stewart, "rise and shine" that affairs may be seen in their true light.

Finally the fright was calmed, re-assured spirits again lapsed into sweet repose. But oh fates, not for long. Came the dawn, already described. What good, tents? Even the traditional Gordy method for Flat Rock was only partially successful. What left but to pack up and return? Gruesome were the details; unpleasant to the point of ommission. Suffice it to say the triumphal march of the evening before returned looking as the traditional morning after should. And again the boyish hearts of the Junior Staff were delighted. The discomfort of the day amused them.

And still, the trees dripped water from their fresh, green leaves in a cheery little way, there was the same entrancing gurgle as the prows of the crafts cut through the waves, and the same rhythm to the oars. We were wet, dishevelled, temporarily uncomfortable, but were we disappointed? No, deep in our heart of hearts we had enjoyed it.

DIPPYGRAMS

Dan Swanders: "Bill, there's a fly in my soup."

Bill Cornish: "Well, I know all the answers to that one—which one do you want me to crack?"

Chief: "Are you musically inclined, Don?"

Don Domino: "Oh! Yes! I just sent home for twenty-five dollars to pay for my French tooter!"

Mac: "Charlie, I am ashamed of your eating Apples' share of the cake. What have I been trying to teach you?"

Charlie Morehouse: "Always to take his part, Mac."

Bill Harris: "Jack, why didn't you ever take up golf?"

Jack Stewart: "Well, I used to work in a butcher shop and I can't cure myself of slicing.

INTEREST IN NATURE WORK STARTS OFF AT HIGH RATE

Chapel and Lodge Planned

Nature work is well along this season, under the able guidance of "Big Bill Cornish." Many groups have gone out already, reporting a hasty glance of nature's children in the form of rabbits, wood-chucks, chipmunks and even a fox. There are several nature trails around the vicinity of Camp, and these will be opened for exploration as "The Dip" goes to press.

For those who are not familiar with the nature tests for the eagle awards, they are as follows:

Test "A"—Recognition Test. Five groups (ie. five ferns, ten trees, etc.)

Test "B" — Further Recognition. Five additional groups.

Test "C"—Nature Project. ie. reforestation, weather book, bird-bath, etc.

Test "D" — Nature Leadership. This is awarded for instructing five boys in one test, and having them pass that test. They shall also teach one nature game.

A hundred points are possible—twenty-five for each test.

This year it is Mr. Cornish's hope that two things may be accomplished. First, an outdoor chapel; second, an Adirondack Mountain Lodge. The chapel has been already started, and it looks as if this year's nature work will be the best ever! Let's go, fellows!

VISITORS TO CAMP DURING JULY

During the month of July up to the date of publication of the "Dip," the following parents and friends have been visitors in Camp:—

Dr. and Mrs. Cummins
Mr. and Mrs. Warren
Mr. and Mrs. Morgan
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell
Mr. Frank Palmer
Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker
Mr. and Mrs. Swander
Mrs. Erskine
Mr. and Mrs. Richards
Mr. Long
Mr. and Mrs. Andrews
Mr. and Mrs. Pettee
Mrs. Porter
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IMPROVEMENTS

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Last, but not least of the big improvements of this season, is a new "Eagle." Although its color has been changed, the speed of our new navy has been much increased, and it is rumored (ask Dick Blakely) that thirty miles an hour is now a mere trifle!

Among the minor changes this summer, are the new incandescent lamps. These lamps are worked on an entirely different plan from the old oil lamps, and ought to shed some light on the subject.

The shop has been busy and some new writing tables have been made for the tents. A typewriter table has been made for the cabin by the illustrious "Mac.."

New improvements—and how!

THE DIP WANTS TO KNOW—

When Mr. Brown isn't going to be on the ball field?

What has become of the Black Shirts?

Whom Robinett is planning to attack next, and, if so. when?

What makes Lieutenant Renshaw so absolutely irresistable?

What Eddie Townsend would do with a hand grenade?

If Edward Hurd that Nelson Fell and we're Erskine you?

In regard to Leonard Wyeth, he's so much of a nuisance

All about Chicago, and is therefore conferring with Jack Stewart.

If Johnny Coleman was right in explaining why Jim Kirkland wants Franklin Palmer in his cabin every year?

A multitude of things, but doesn't dare ask them!

RICOCHETS

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shoots nine out of ten "bulls" and there are three or four others who are quite consistent.

At present, in the Junior Camp, Brett, Thatcher and Morgan are doing the best shooting; among the Intermediates Wendell, Jenkins and Johnson are showing up well; while Charles Morehouse, Higgins, Milnor and Luigi Robinett are upholding honors of the Seniors.

CAMP NOTES

Trips of the one day sort have been launched early this season and already many of the new and old boys have enjoyed a day away from the routine of Camp, roaming the woods, sailing the lake, or visiting interesting points. Black Mountain, Record Mountain and Fort Ticonderoga seem to be the favorites for all three camps.

Relative to the latter, but still different, are the over-night expeditions taken to points long favored for their adaptability to Adirondack Trips. Flat Rock, Record Mountain, and our own over-night camp site share the honors in this matter.

Rumor hath it that this year there will be added to the regular Lake George Trip equipment of suitcases, white flannels, and sport shoes—one portable victrola, records and mattresses for staffmen. Further suggestions will be gratefully received, to the extent that they do not necessitate voyaging in the "Eagle."

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Pratt, Woodford
Quinn, Evan V.
Randall, Robert Patteson
Renshaw, Richard F.
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SWIMMING CONTINUES TO BE POPULAR ACTIVITY

Messrs. Kirkland and Stewart Instructing Large Group

"All in" or "all out"—whatever the call may be, excitement reigns supreme amid splashes and shouts.

Always, swimming has been the most popular activity at Adirondack and this year is no exception to this rule. From the very first day, up to the present, the continual cry has been, "is it swim time," and the greatest grumbling has been when the air has proved too cold or the waves too high to permit "going in."

At the present writing there are sixteen boys in the beginners' swim. These, however, are progressing rapidly, and all have strong hopes of passing at least the fifty foot test before Camp closes. Peter Harrington and Freddie Soule are among the most promising.

The first test, as outlined by Jack Stewart and Jim Kirkland, consists of one hundred yards free style, fifty feet on the back, a surface dive and artificial respiration. Already more than sixty boys have passed this test, thus becoming eligible for the more advanced canoe test. This calls for a quarter mile swim as preliminary, with paddling instruction and tipovers following.

Some of the more advanced swimmers have taken an interest in life saving this year, and six boys have passed the Red Cross tests. This makes them qualified life guards at regular swims, and gives them special swimming privileges.

To date, considering the unusually cold weather, results have been extremely gratifying, and the campaign for "everyone a swimmer" at the close of the season seems likely to be realized.

SHOP SHAVINGS

Many Varied and Useful Articles Being Made in Shop

The Juniors and Intermediates are very busy in the shop this year, making shelves and book racks for their cabins and are doing some good work for little "Shavers." The Seniors have been concentrating on articles for Camp. Dan Swander and Fred Blaicher are making bedside tables for the Infirmary; Dan Minnick and George Schultz are making writing tables for Intermediate cabins, and paddle racks, book ends, bows, boats and other useful articles are being constructed by other Seniors.